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IT'S TOAST-ROAST TIME FOR DANBY

Jack Danby, whose 35-year writing career extends from Wilmington's News-Journal to New York's Herald Tribune, and on to Liberty, Redbook and Good Housekeeping Magazines, will be toasted and roasted by old colleagues and fellow-OPC members at a cocktail party at the club on Thursday, August 17, on the occasion of his retirement as executive editor of Good Housekeeping.

The toasting starts at 5:30 P.M., with the roasting due an hour later when the guys and gals Jack has worked with



Jack Danby

over the years are sufficiently oiled to challenge — and, possibly, top — Danby's famed repertoire of jokes (both clean and not-so-clean). Wade Nichols, Jack's editor at Good Housekeeping, will serve as M.C. for the 20-minute panel discussion of "We Knew Him When."

All OPC members are invited — on the theory that, for those of you who do not, it's time that you do know Jack Danby. Everything's Dutch treat. The grill room will be open for dinner until 8 P.M. for eating members. Please notify Mary Novak (581-8700) if you plan to attend so we can determine how many bartenders we need.

—Ed Cunningham

SOU CHAN TO THE RESCUE

Resident OPCers were overwhelmed by three days of top Chinese cuisine, when *Sou Chan* solved insurmountable problems arising during the interim period from catered food to our own operation. Chan brought in delectable dishes from his restaurant, The House of Chan, midtown culinary mecca for New Yorkers and out-of-towners alike. Not only was the food memorable — "Let's do this regularly, once or twice a month," was the hue and cry — but the price was eminently right, enabling the Club to absorb certain losses as well as to satisfy the hungry horde.

Long live the House of Chan!

ATTWOOD, SALISBURY FOR SHOPTALK SERIES

"Talking Shop With....," a series of early evening forums featuring top journalists in all media, will be launched Tuesday Sept. 11 at 5:30 when *William Attwood*, president and publisher of prize-winning *NEWSDAY*, discusses the birth pangs of his Sunday edition, which in a short time is overtaking its New York rivals in circulation. Attwood will affirm or lay to rest the rumor that his Long Island paper will soon invade the New York afternoon field.

The series — scheduled at first twice a month and expected to become a weekly feature — will provide members and their guests an opportunity to discuss problems and developments with the men and women currently involved in the fast-changing journalistic scene.

An early participant will be Harrison Salisbury who will cover the development of the Times "Op-Ed" as a new approach, airing opinions by those outside the journalistic inner-circle.

One of the forums will zero into the public relations profession. Three business press editors will air their gripes toward PR strategems. Another will deal with investigative reporting and its problems under the new Supreme Court ruling that reporters are obliged to reveal their sources of information to investigative bodies.

Current plans schedule "Talking Shop With...." for 5:30-7 P.M. in the membership lounge. There will be no charge and a cash bar will be available.

The new forums are sponsored by the Program Committee of which OPC Vice President Riesel is chairman. Larry Stessin and John Luter, also program committeemen, are in charge of planning and arrangements.

Members with ideas for subjects to be covered on these professional nights and suggestions for speakers are requested to submit them to Larry Stessin, care of the OPC.

DOWNHOLDERS, UNITE!

An unplanned UPI Day took place at the OPC grill Aug. 1. Having lunch that day quite by happenstance were six ex-Unipressers and one present staffer. The Old Timers were *George E. McCadden*, former Australian UP general manager, one-time SF staffer; *Ralph Salazar*, ex-editor San Juan desk, New York, also one-time SF; *Rob Roy Buckingham* of NY Times; *Hugh Jencks* of Standard Oil of NJ; and *Jack Rankin*, ex-auditor UP, now partner of Milligan, Muller Co., CPAs.

At another table were John Griffith, present UPI sports editor; and *Carl Lundquist*, former UPI sports writer, now VP of Grey & Davis, advertising firm.

It was decided to form an OPC chapter of the UPI Downhold Tuesday Luncheon Club. What did they talk about? Silly! Shop, of course.

— Ralph Salazar

WASHINGTON TICKER

by JESSIE STEARNS

Jessie Stearns, Bulletin's Washington correspondent, elected to the National Press Building Corporation board of directors and to the Executive Committee. She represents the minority stockholders who own 22% of the stock while the National Press Club owns 78%. She is also a member of NPC.

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Ray McHugh, Vice President of Copley News, lectured at University of Virginia Center for Continuing Education, on "Reporting the World Ocean— a New Dimension of Journalism."

The lecture was inserted in the Congressional Record by Rep. Craig Hosmer who stated, "Mr. McHugh makes a delightful and eloquent case for new journalistic interest in the world ocean because of its limitless opportunities to benefit man."

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Jean Baer, author of "The Second Wife," was in the Nation's Capitol on a promotion tour. She has written two previous books and is currently special projects director for Seventeen Magazine. She plans a fiction book soon.

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Ensign David Eisenhower, grandson of former President David D. Eisenhower, and son-in-law of President Richard Nixon, has according to his wife Julie Nixon Eisenhower filed away an offer from the Los Angeles Times Syndicate to write.

LETTERS

Matt Bassity's comprehensive analysis of the takeover of our own food and booze operation is very heartening. Matt and his people should be commended for the professional approach and analysis of the situation. They certainly deserve everyone's support.

— Will Yolen

The OPC has weathered many trials and tribulations, but now there is no doubt that it is on its way to reaching the end of its rope. Finished. Cooked. A dead duck. Spurlos versunk. And all because of a column by Mike Crissan in your July 15 issue.

In that column, Mike talks about a pink gin made with Worcestershire sauce. Now, a pink gin is really a gin and bitters. Whether you order it in London, where you get half an ounce of 70 proof gin in an eyecup, and where, if you are alert, you can prevent the waiter from adding another half ounce of tepid water; or whether you make it yourself at home with a good three ounces of 94 proof gin and a handful of ice cubes — you add bitters — *not sauce*.

W'shire sauce may be as good for the goose as for the gander, or for a prairie oyster, but for gossakes, not for a pink gin, which is a gin and bitters — Angostura bitters.

If you do not correct this in your next issue, with a full apology and retraction by Mike Crissan, no self respecting lush will want to be caught within a ten foot pole distance of the club bar. Has our renowned mixed drink authority, Larry Blochman, seen that dreadful description of a pink gin in the Bulletin? Maybe he can do something to save the situation. If not, you might as well close the doors of the Club and throw the key away.

— Bruno Shaw

The National Press Club is conducting an investigation into the reasons why Washington newsmen and the Nixon Administration often cross swords. December 5 is the date set for a public report to the board, according to Warren Rogers, President.

The survey will be conducted by the Professional Relations Committee chaired by James McCartney, Knight Newspapers.

One issue is the lack of televised press conferences. The 25th Presidential press conference held June 29 was the first since July 1, 1971. President Nixon prefers a newsman or groups interviewing him, or inviting the White House press into his office to ask questions.

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Members of the Working Press opposing the endorsement by Charles A. Perlik, Jr., president of The Newspaper Guild, of Presidential Candidate George McGovern, took an ad in the Washington Post disavowing and publicly disassociating themselves from the endorsement.

The list included about 300 members working for the AP, UPI, Baltimore Sun, New York Times, Washington Post, Washington Star-News and other organizations.

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Clayton Willis joined the National Commissioner of Fire Prevention and Control at 1730 K St. N.W. as director of public affairs and congressional relations and editor of "Fire Commission News."

INTERNATIONAL JAZZ CRITICS CITE ALBUM

The Overseas Jazz Club's "Giants" album, starring Bobby Hackett, Dizzy Gillespie, Mary Lou Williams, George Duvivier, Grady Tate and recorded live at the Overseas Press Club, garners more kudos with the announcement by *Down Beat* magazine in its August 17 issue of the results of its "20th Annual International Jazz Critics Poll." "The Giants," recently nominated for the coveted "Grammy Award" tied for second place as "Record of the Year."

First place went to the late Jimmy Rushing's album, "The You and Me That Used to Be." The panel of American and overseas jazz critics also gave Earl "Fatha" Hines, honorary co-chairman of the Overseas Jazz Club, first place in the piano category of Established Talent.

The "Giants" album and "Earl 'Fatha' Hines and Maxine Sullivan Live at the Overseas Press Club" are on sale at reduced prices at the Overseas Press Club. The "Giants" sells for \$4.23 and the Hines-Sullivan at \$4.20 — postage included. A substantial profit on each record sold goes to the OPC — so buy, enjoy, and help the OPC in one swell foop.

— Wilma Dobie

BROKEN RECORD? NO AND MAYBE

World Champion kitesman Will H. Yolen failed to break his own flying record — 50 kites aloft on one string at one time — at a recent fly-in on Central Park's Sheep Meadow. He did, however, equal if not surpass past performances at his other specialty — flacking.

CBS Channel 2 presented him in full panoply on the 6 p.m. news, as did ABC Channel 7 on its 7 a.m. news, WNEW and other radio stations covered the event — Yolen, 1,000 children and the New York City Recreation Dept. personnel — the N.Y. Times and N.Y. Post ran features featuring him (and the OPC, identifying him as past president of the Club) and UPI gave him a wire story.

It must be noted that the Bulletin wrung the story out of Will, not he out of us.

— R. C. B.

LEWIS THOMPSON

1915 -- 1972

Lewis Thompson liked to characterize himself as a "lone and tragic figure." Which was ridiculous of course. It's hard to think of a holiday or weekend when he didn't have invitations to choose from. And, it must be said, he was choosy.

Among members of the organizations to which he belonged feelings about him were mixed. To some he was merry as a grig, the jolliest of companions. Others thought him taciturn, sarcastic, grouchy and avoided him. The latter group may have had valid reason for its attitude. Thompson never suffered fools or bores gladly. In fact, he refused to suffer them at all.

He had a tongue like an adder and when aroused his gift for invective rose to heights unmatched since H.L. Mencken. "Your only problem," he once remarked to a bridge partner who had made a series of misplays, "is that you have delusions of adequacy."

Another occasion found him staring mute and bitter into his drink at the bar. Finally, he spoke slowly and lucidly on the structure of laws and regulations which are the underpinning of American society. From there he proceeded to a crisply-reasoned explanation of Constitutional grounds that would support a statute forbidding his bridge partner of the evening from ever picking up a single card again. He had just been clipped for \$65.

Thompson had trouble with cab drivers. Whenever he was in a taxi the atmosphere crackled with hostility. Setting off for the Players one evening, he asked the driver to turn down the radio which was blasting rock and roll at peak volume. The driver turned the knob a micromillimeter to the left. Three times, his voice growing more acerbic, Thompson repeated the request and received a like response. At his destination he went forward to the cabbie. "Obviously it's never occurred to you," he said to the vacant face before him, "that some of your passengers may want to talk as they ride. Some may even wish to think. If that idea should ever penetrate your carborundum skull, it's possible your income might increase." Whereupon he paid the exact amount on the meter, leaving no

OBITUARY

Charles Guptil, AP bureau head in Mexico 1950-62, died of a stroke in Mexico City July 7. He was 65. Born in Portland, Me., he served the AP more than 25 years in Rome, Buenos Aires and Mexico City.

A graduate of Bates College, Lewiston, Me., Guptil began newspaper work with the Portland Press Herald. He joined the AP in his hometown and was later transferred to the New York headquarters. Guptil was president of the

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tip, and stalked off, letting the rear door hang open. "When I think about the marvelously intricate convolutions of the human brain," he said, "wrought by thought, learning, experience and even prayer, I marvel. I really do. His," he said jerking a thumb at the retreating cabbie, "must look like a peeled grape."

During the darkest days of the OPC's travail Thompson raged that what was happening was happening because not enough people really gave a damn. A year later he made his commitment to stand with those who did care enough and ran for the board of governors and was elected. It must be said to his everlasting credit that his keen incisive mind often cut through the verbal underbrush like a flamethrower and helped bring interminable Board meetings to a merciful close.

There was a kindly side to his nature which he attempted, not always successfully, to hide. He was invariably courteous and friendly toward older people and appeared really to enjoy their company. Children quickly became fond of him. Friends with temporary monetary or marital difficulties could always count on a place to lay their heads when he was in town.

It would take a book to record the many facets of Lewis Thompson. He could be thoughtful, sentimental, savage, suavely courteous and riotously funny. The easy facility that enabled him to move from the calling of award-winning author to the gregarious world of public relations to corporation executive has been chronicled elsewhere and will not be repeated here.

On the evening of July 19, he, Matt the Bartender and I spent an amiable half-hour talking of a number of things. At length he said he must go. He declined dinner and a round of cards elsewhere. Matt and I watched him stomp down the long empty room, eyeing the world balefully through his new contact lenses, and at last, with death perhaps only an hour away, he seemed to have become what he always said he was.

A lone and tragic figure — unaware that the Old Gentleman in the Bright Nightgown already had the master key to his apartment.

By Harry Welker

Lewis Thompson died July 19 at his home in New York City. He was 57. A sister, Mrs. Ralph Binder of Madison, N.J., survives.

Foreign Correspondents Association in Mexico City in 1955 and again in 1960. In 1962 he resigned from AP and became foreign press relations chief for the Mexican government. At the time of his death he was foreign correspondent for the London Daily Mail and the Journal of Commerce of New York. He leaves his wife and two sons. Burial was in Maine.



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PEOPLE AND PLACES

by GRACE NAISMITH

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES: **Arthur Whitcomb** has joined Reader's Digest, and after four years in London (Life International), he will be returning to New York. His wife, Meg Whittle Whitcomb is writing, for Forum World Features, an article on Christopher Lee, the British Dracula. Harpers Bazaar/Queen has a piece on her as Chairman of the European Republican Committee in London (July-August)... **Myer Agen** had an article on the building of the Eiffel Tower in Off Duty Magazine, Frankfurt, Main, West Germany, in June... **Virginia Castleton Thomas**, has two new books out — "Look Younger, Look Prettier," by Rodale Press, and "My Secrets of Natural Beauty" by Keats Publishing Co. Researching another book in Europe for Harper... **Russell Birdwell** has a book out via Robert Speller, entitled "Mount Horeb"... **Dick Hyman's** 13th book, "Cockeyed Americana" to be published in September by Stephen Green Press... **Grace Naismith** will have articles in Reader's Digest, September and October — on VD... **Sam Waagenaar** writes from Rome that his 9th book is out by Mondadori in Milano. Title: "Il Ghetto sul Tevere," the history of the Jews of Rome from 160 B.C. to today. Both Il Messagero and Tempo will publish chapters from it... **Juliet Lowell** is starting a weekly column for Family Weekly titled Juliet Lowell's Celebrity Letters.

JOBS AND THINGS: **Jay Nelson Tuck** has resigned from Medical World News and "fulfilled a long-standing ambition to be a freelance writer." He will continue to be a contributing editor for MWN as well as for Woman's Day, and will be a consultant and lecturer on the socio-economics of health care delivery... **Basil Woon** is in London indexing his book, "The Big Little Wines of France," due for publication there this month... **Anthony C. Collings** has been named AP Correspondent at Bonn, Germany, succeeding Peter Rehak, who resigned. Collings was a member of the Moscow and London Staffs before his appointment to Bonn... **Mary Hornaday** in Switzerland for UN activities and freelance stories... **Wilma Dobie**, Overseas Jazz Club chairman in London, Amsterdam, Brussels and Paris on New York Hot Jazz Society tour... **Dick Williams** is summing on the Olympic Peninsula to

research a volume on The Northwest Coast for Time-Life Books' new series about "The American Wilderness"... **Arthur D. Holzman**, NASA counsel, back in uniform for a tour of temporary active duty as PAO on the staff of Commander in Chief Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii... **Art Milton's** daughter **Patti** was "adopted", he says, by Senator Frank Church of Idaho at the Democratic Convention in Miami... **Gunther Less** back from Turkey after filming TV one-hour show... **Craig Fisher's** group filming on Little Diomed Island in the Bering Straits another of his Eskimo specials... **Anthony P. Galli** named Director of Public Relations Services for N.W. Ayer and Son... **Rohama Lee**, Editor of Film News, in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, this summer, as guest of the first World Animated-Film Festival. She also visited Ambassador and Mrs. Maxmersh at the Canadian Embassy in Prague... Tokyo-based **Al Cullison** has been elected chairman of the Foreign Press in Japan, a professional organization representing all foreign correspondents accredited to the Japanese government in arranging press coverage facilities in Japan. Address: UPI, Tokyo... From **Elaine Shepard's** column in Twin Circle: "Claire Boothe Luce has joined radio network 'Spectrum', CBS program structured to present all viewpoints."

WEDDING: **Lewis K. McMillan**, Overseas Jazz Club program chairman, married Rachel E. Hucks on August 12.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

Rev. John Gensel, pastor to the jazz community officiated at the ceremony at St. Peters Lutheran Church.

CONDOLENCES: to **Cindy Reagan** on the death July 13 at the age of 74 of her father, Richard Reagan, chief ship-news reporter for The New York Herald Tribune from 1928 to 1947 and a founding member of the New York chapter of the ANG.

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